



Empower Eau Claire: Participatory Budgeting

Steering Committee Workshop #5 Notes

Where: City Hall, 203 S. Farwell St., North Conference Room

When: Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Attendance: SC members Cheryl Contact (virtual) Karen Petersin (virtual), Richard Spindler, Susan Wolfgram, Mia Xiong. City staff Scott Allen, Ned Noel, Taylor Graybehl, Billie Hufford. Karen Mumford and Maddie Loeffler (virtual) from UWEC.

Agenda:

1. Brief Updates

A budget is now available for some program costs and an intern has been hired to assist.

2. Volunteers & Trainings

Volunteer recruitment continues to be needed with facilitators and budget delegates the most critical. The training for facilitators is scheduled on November 18th at 6:30 pm.

3. Idea Collection Events

In-person meetings have been set up at North High School, DeLong Middle School, South Middle School, La Luna Supermarket, and at the Hmong Association. An online form will be created. Ideas will be collected December 1st until the end of the year. Unhoused and downtown outreach is still being planned.

4. Outreach Plan & Sub-committee

It was decided to stop this sub-committee due to the small size of the steering committee.

5. Evaluation Partnership

Discussion was held with UWEC professor Karen Mumford on possible evaluation. There was agreement to work together but nothing was formalized. Staff will invite community stakeholders to the next committee meeting to discuss inclusion and evaluation methods.